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Meeting Minutes

Permanent School Building Committee

**Chairman Rick DeMatto, Robert J. Austin-LaFrance, Daniel J. Campbell, Michael Doyle, Robert K. Frink,
Richard Monteiro and David Russell**

Thursday, January 17, 2013

7:00 PM

Town Hall Annex - Community Room 1

1. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Chairman Rick DeMatto, Robert J. Austin-LaFrance, Daniel J. Campbell, Michael Doyle, Robert K. Frink, Richard Monteiro and David Russell

Staff: Colleen Quattromani, Recorder.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

2. RECEIPT OF CITIZEN'S PETITIONS, COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

None.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a) December 6, 2012

A motion was made by Mr. Russell and seconded by Mr. LaFrance to accept the meeting minutes of December 6, 2012 as written. The motion passed unanimously.

4. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS (other than Subcommittee reports)

(a) PSBC Members

Mr. Russell distributed an invitation from the Aluminum Falcons Fitch Robotics team to the PSBC. The team including Mr. Russell's son has invited residents to stop in during their 2013 Build Season to see them designing, building and programming the 2013 robot.

(b) Staff

None.

5. RECEIPT OF SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

A. TOWN COUNCIL APPOINTED PROJECTS

P-2012-0005 West Side Middle School Portable Classroom Unit (2012-0087)

West Side Middle School Portable Classroom Unit

Chairman DeMatto noted that the portable classroom units for both West Side Middle School and Carl Cutler Middle School are open and occupied by students. At West Side Middle School the SEAT bus stop shelter was moved so that the access road to the rear of the portable classroom would allow access for the Fire Department in the event of an emergency.

The PSBC wishes to congratulate Mr. Robarge on the completion of the Portable Classroom Unit projects.

P-2012-0006 Carl Cutler Middle School Portable Classroom Units (2012-0088)

Carl Cutler Middle School Portable Classroom Units

No report.

B. OTHER BOE PROJECTS

No report.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A) Roles & Responsibilities

The Committee reviewed a preamble provided by the DPW for the Roles and Responsibilities document the PSBC constructed as a review of their activities for the Phase I School Building Project. Chairman DeMatto will meet with the Town Manager to discuss the document further.

B) PSBC Introductions

The PSBC discussed their educational and work backgrounds as well as their inspiration for applying to work with the Permanent School Building Committee for the Town of Groton. The Committee's connection to the Groton schools runs deep. A few members attended Groton Schools themselves and now have children who attend Groton schools. Mr. Frink's wife taught at Fitch High School. Mr. Campbell served on the BOE while Mr. Doyle's wife is a current BOE member.

Chairman DeMatto has served on the PSBC for eight years with his background as an educator. He was the Director of Special Education in Waterford and now is a consultant across the State. He was inspired to join the PSBC after working with the professionals building the Friendship School in Waterford and working with the results following the buildings completion.

Mr. LaFrance taught at Trinity College for 12 years and was involved in the building of a new engineering/math/computer science building there. His experience setting up a laboratory from scratch inspired his interest in school building. Mr. LaFrance has worked on Groton schools from the Blue Ribbon Committee thru the completion of the Phase I School Building Projects.

Mr. Russell has worked for thirty years in the construction industry. He spent 15 years at Electric Boat and has been a carpenter in the Local 124 for 13 years. He has spent a lot of time in the Groton schools with his triplets now in Fitch High School.

The Navy brought Mr. Campbell to Groton and his children attended Groton schools. Mr. Campbell has a doctorate in Education with a specialty in Education Technology. He has set up training facilities for industry and looks forward to the opportunity to assist Groton students.

Mr. Doyle is a parent of Groton students and has volunteered as a youth sports coach and is currently a volunteer assistant lacrosse coach at Fitch High School. He was a nuclear trained submarine officer and currently works at Sonalysts. He followed and was involved in promoting and getting the referendum passed for the Phase I School Building Project. His son was a freshman when the new classroom wing at the high school opened. His experience as a parent seeing the reduced size gym at the newly constructed Northeast Academy motivated him to want to work on future Groton School Building projects.

Mr. Monteiro retired to Groton after a career in the Coast Guard. Since then he has worked in the construction industry becoming a construction superintendent working in both commercial and residential arenas.

Mr. Frink is retired and was drawn to the PSBC after admiring the Phase I School Building project. He has an MBA from RPI. He had careers with EBASCO Services, a large construction company, Northeast Utilities and Ventyx, a software company. While with Northeast Utilities he was a project engineer for a 80,000 sq ft training facility at Millstone.

7. NEW BUSINESS

The next meeting of the PSBC will be their regular meeting on Thursday, February 7, 2013.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.